



# NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

## PRESS ADVISORY



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At approximately 10:53 a.m., off-duty Newark Police officer Wayne Reynolds, was walking towards his home when he observed a low flying plane traveling in a Northwest direction. According to Officer Reynolds' the engine of the plane was making an unusual noise and flying in a wobbling motion. When he saw the plane disappear from view, he ran to his house to get his police radio, which he used to notify the Communications Bureau of the plane crash. The officer then ran approximately ½ mile to the scene in an effort to determine the extent or injuries, damage and the need for emergency assistance.

When he arrived at the scene, he saw debris from the plane crash, injured people and human remains. The initial point of impact, a warehouse located at the intersection of Brenner Street and Kent Street was on fire. The fire was extinguished at approximately 1:48 p.m. The debris trail started at 20 Kent Street and ended a short distance beyond a Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant, which the plane struck at the intersection of Springfield Avenue and 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

The plane caused extensive damage to the residences and business as it traveled along Kent Street. Nine cars were damaged with five cars being totally destroyed. One of the car's occupants, Henry Perry of South 18<sup>th</sup> Street was able to flee his car, escaping serious injury, seeing the plane before it struck the building.

The plane's 3 occupants from Bethesda, Maryland, Itzhak Jacoby, 56, his wife Gail, 50 and their 13-year-old daughter Atira, were killed in the crash. 21 people on the ground reported injuries. Of these injuries, only two injuries were considered critical. Alfred Walker, 59 of Kent Street is listed in critical condition with 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> degree burns, Rhonda Accy, 29 is listed in critical but stable condition with facial trauma and a fractured right ankle.

Linden Airport Officials identified the plane as a Beechcraft BE-35. The plane was reported to have left the airport at approximately 10:45 a.m. en-route to Dulles Airport in Virginia.

Member of the Newark Police Community Service Bureau transported approximately 60 occupants from the effected area to a nearby Salvation Army facility where temporary food and shelter were provided.

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